

CINCINNATI POLICE DEPARTMENT



STAFF NOTES

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief
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1. REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes is a current copy of the Department's organizational chart.

2. ANNIVERSARY BADGE PURCHASE PROGRAM

2003 marks the bicentennial of the Cincinnati Police Department. To commemorate this year the Police Chief has authorized the purchase of anniversary badges by active and retired Cincinnati officers only. Anniversary badges are available for purchase anytime during 2003 and can be worn until December 31, 2003.

Brochures and order forms are available at Supply or on the Intranet under Anniversary Badge Purchase Program.

Guidelines for purchasing:

- Officers may only purchase badges up to their highest rank.
- Purchases from or for retired officers will be forwarded by Supply Unit to the Police Chief for approval. Officers who resigned or were separated may not purchase badges.
- Officers may purchase badges as gifts for other active officers. That purchase must be approved through Sergeant Jim Casto or Specialist Ray Flamm at Supply Unit.
- Order forms and indemnification agreements must be legible. Attach a personal check or money order, made out to Sun Badge Company, to each order form and hand deliver to the Supply Unit. Shipping charges are forty cents per badge, not per order.
- When requesting engraving on badge backs or Lucite encasements remember that characters are 25 cents each. Periods, slashes, commas and dashes each count as a character. Spaces between words do not count. Incorrect orders will be returned. Engraving is limited to three lines of twenty-five characters per line.

Badges are available in base silver color or solid sterling silver (at additional cost) for P.O., P.S. and Sergeant. Lieutenant, Captain and Assistant Chief badges are solid sterling silver only. Badges can be ordered encased in solid Lucite for an additional cost (see order form). Badges will be ordered when fifty or more orders are received. Orders will be filled within thirty days and shipped to the Supply Unit. Officers will be notified when the badges are available for pick up.

Sample badges can be viewed at Supply Unit. Questions may be directed to Sgt. Jim Casto or P.S. Ray Flamm, Supply Unit, line 352-2520.

3. MIRANDA WARNING PRIOR TO QUESTIONING

All personnel are reminded to read the entire Miranda warning to individuals in custodial care prior to any questioning. Asking questions that are likely to elicit an incriminating response from the defendant is prohibited without the Miranda warning.

The Court of Appeals, First Appellate District of Ohio in the *State of Ohio v. Burton J. Spaulding* found that an officer's conversation with a prisoner while in custody regarding contraband, prior to entering the jail, without any Miranda warnings, was interrogation reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response.

Reading a suspect his rights under Miranda, and documenting his understanding, must precede questioning of a suspect in custody.

4. DRUG ABATEMENT/EVICTIONS

Officers are reminded to review Procedure 12.130, Vice Control and Enforcement Responsibilities, Section I - Drug Abuse Locations. When an officer believes probable cause exists to file a drug abuse location charge as described in Cincinnati Municipal Code 911-5, Permitting Drug Abuse, he will:

Prepare a Form 526, Vice Activity Report, for review by the Street Corner Unit Commander, listing the facts and a written summary of evidence. The written summary should include, when available, tenant/landlord information and the relationship of the arrested to the tenant.

Attach copies of the Form 527, Arrest and Investigation Report, search warrants, consent to search forms, and any other pertinent reports to the Form 526. Questions may be directed to Street Corner Unit.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

On Thursday, January 23, 2003, Cincinnati City Council adopted rule changes pertaining to Committee meetings beginning Monday, February 3, 2003. Rule 10.4 now states that Standing Committees of Council will generally meet every two weeks, or less frequently at the discretion of the committee chairs. The following changes have been made to incorporate this rule change:

Week A - Begins 2/3/03

Health Committee
Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Law Committee
Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Arts Committee
(To Be Announced)

Week B - Begins 2/10/03

Finance Committee
Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

Community Development
Mondays at 3:00 p.m.

Neighborhood and Public
Services
Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Education Sub-Committee
Feb. 10, March 3, April 14,
May 5, and June 9 at 3:00 p.m.

The Law Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2003.

The Clerk of Council will publish a summer schedule in June. If you have any questions regarding this schedule, please contact the Clerk of Council's Office at 352-3246.

6. OUTSIDE WORK POLICY REMINDER

This is a reminder of the City's Outside Work Policy per the Human Resources Policies and Procedures Section number 2.3 (Outside Work Policy).

Employees must provide their agency with written notice of the outside employment (no standard form is required).

1. No employee shall engage in any outside work that would present a conflict of interest with City employment.
2. Agencies may develop specific guidelines to advise employees on sensitive areas of work peculiar to that agency.
3. Questions concerning possible conflicts of interest or violations of the Ohio Code of Ethics should be referred to the Solicitor's Office.

7. POSTING OF THE WHISTLEBLOWER NEWSLETTER

Most people in City service have come in contact with a gossip page known as the Whistleblower. One means of distribution of this publication is by facsimile to various City offices. The Whistleblower often contains material that is highly derogatory and demeaning along racial, ethnic and gender lines.

Hard copies of this publication have been posted on City bulletin boards. Those who work for the City, as well as members of the public who visit City facilities, are entitled to do so without being exposed to this type of discriminatory, demeaning and hostile communication that often appears in the Whistleblower. Accordingly, all Department heads and supervisors are to take whatever action is necessary to ensure that the Whistleblower is not posted anywhere within City facilities. Failure to comply with this directive is a serious matter and can be considered cause for disciplinary action.

8. CENSUS BUREAU SURVEY

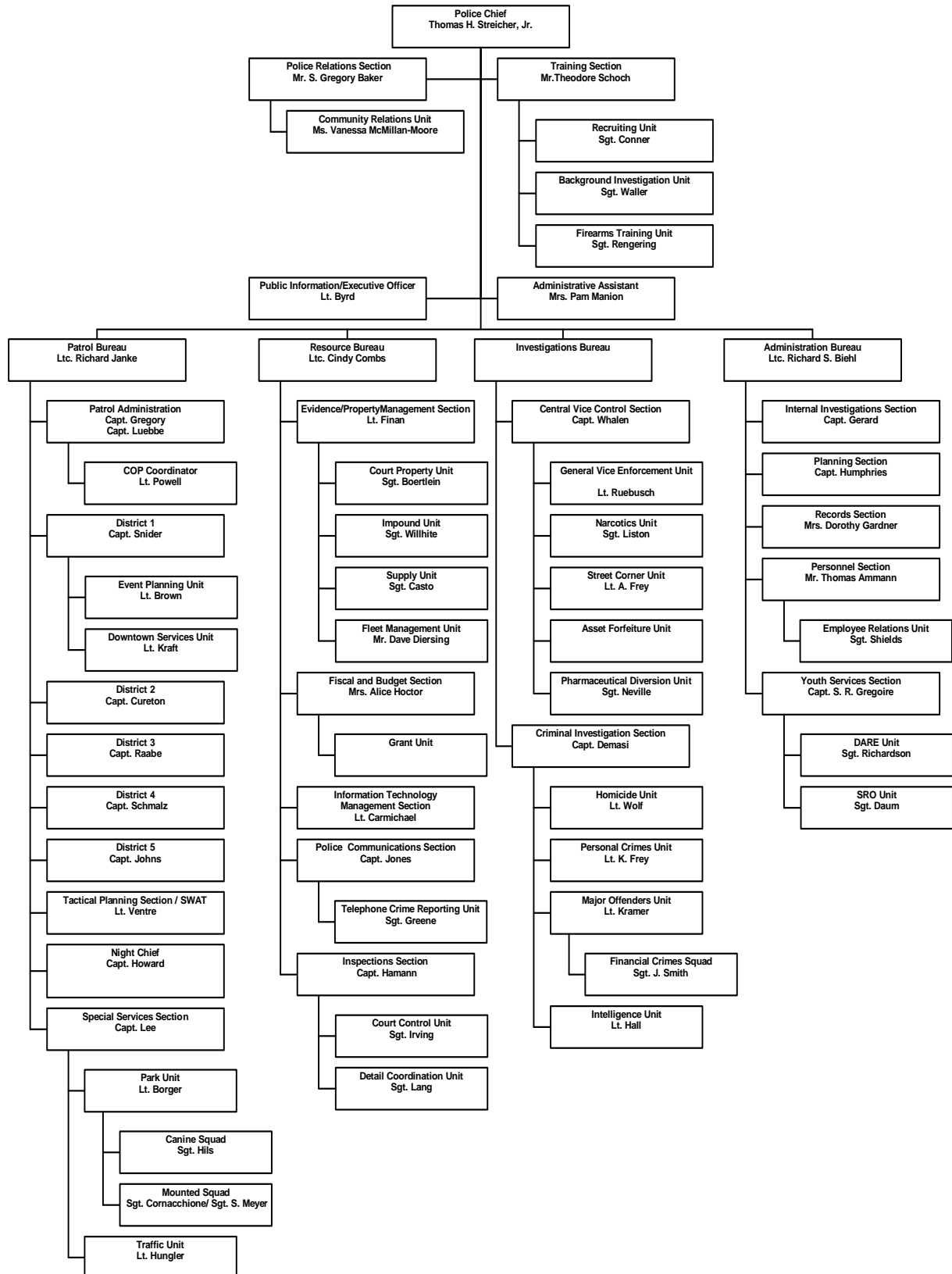
Census Bureau representatives will begin a survey of 37,500 households in February 2003. The survey is titled "The Survey of Income and Program Participation" (SIPP). The field representatives conducting the interviews will carry official photo identification cards. Officers should be aware that these personnel will be in our neighborhoods.

9. THANK YOU LETTER

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes is a thank you letter from William D. Cole, Police Chief, Bellevue Police Department, for our assistance in the apprehension of a bank robber. Officers Don Brichler, Tammy Skelly, and Ralph Unger arrested the suspect who robbed a Bank One in Bellevue, Kentucky on November 18, 2002.

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January 25, 2003

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Chief Streicher,

I have been asked by Officer Riley of our department to express our gratitude to some of your officers for their assistance in the apprehension of Jason Sheeders after he robbed the Bank One in our city on November 18, 2002.

Because of the help and professionalism of Officer Don Brichler, Officer Tammy Skelly and Detective Ralph Unger, Mr. Sheeders was apprehended the following day, November 19, 2002.

I will further say that I have had the pleasure of working with Detective Unger in the past and I have found him to always be helpful, professional and friendly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Col. W.D. Cole".

Col. William D. Cole
Chief of Police